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Provincial Point of View April 21, 2016 Ken Cheveldayoff, MLA Saskatoon Willowgrove

NEW SESSION OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY TO BEGIN MAY 17



I'm honoured to represent the people of Saskatoon Willowgrove and look forward to joining Premier Wall and my colleagues as we work to Keep Saskatchewan Strong!

Premier Brad Wall today announced the first session of the newly-elected Legislative Assembly will begin on Tuesday, May 17 with the election of the Speaker in the morning followed by the Throne Speech that afternoon.

Wall said the government will focus on its election commitment to keep Saskatchewan strong.

"Earlier this month, Saskatchewan people gave our government a renewed mandate to keep Saskatchewan strong during this challenging time caused by low oil prices," Wall said. "In the upcoming session, we will focus on doing just that in three key areas: keeping our economy strong, keeping our provincial finances strong and keeping Saskatchewan's place in Canada strong by always standing up for Saskatchewan's interests."

Wall said the government is currently working to prepare its legislative agenda and the provincial budget, which will be based on its platform in the recent provincial election.

"We made only a few new spending promises during the campaign and we intend to keep those promises," Wall said. "Obviously, the budget will be tight as we work to keep our provincial finances strong and get back to a balanced budget by 2017.

"In terms of legislation, we will be moving forward on our election promise to remove the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority from The Crown Corporation Public Ownership Act. This will enable us to fulfill our promise to convert 40 government-owned liquor stores to private stores and add 12 new private liquor stores."

Wall also announced that the work on the new dome of the Legislative Building is nearing completion and will be unveiled in a public ceremony on Monday, May 16 – the day before the beginning of the new Legislative Session. More details will be announced at a later date.

"The new dome represents renewal on the outside of the Legislative Building and the new session will represent renewal within the Legislative Building," Wall said. "I am looking forward to the new session as our government continues with the work of keeping Saskatchewan strong."

GRAND OPENING OF EVERGREEN HOUSE!



It was an incredible day today. I had the opportunity to attend and bring greetings on behalf of Premier Brad Wall and the Government of Saskatchewan at the grand opening of the first integrated transitional care facility in Saskatchewan based in our constituency!

Ward 10 City Councillor Zach Jeffries and I had the pleasure of joining WeCare, part of CBI Health Group at the official ribbon cutting.

Health care has been and always will be a priority with our government. This transitional care model is a welcome alternative to care for patients with the support of a comprehensive health care team. This beautiful facility located in Evergreen will provide innovative ways to deliver better health outcomes to clients in and around our city.

This facility fits in so well with the culture I see each and every day in Saskatoon Willowgrove. A community of caring, compassionate individuals.

EARTH DAY APRIL 22

CHECK OUT THE EVENTS AT WILLOWGROVE UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS AND

MEEWASIN



Celebrated every year on April 22, Earth Day aims to encourage people across the world to be more environmentally friendly.

Ways you can do this might mean being aware and increasing the amount you recycle or volunteer for a local project. If you choose to volunteer, please check out Willowgrove University Heights Earth Day plans.

WUHCA will be hosting an Earth Day Clean Up on Friday, Aprill 22 from 10 am-2 pm. Home base will be in the Willowgrove Square. They will have supplies to get you started, and a collection spot for all the trash.

How can you participate? Easy: grab a plastic bag and start filling it with those loose pieces of trash that have escaped the recycling bins over the winter. Come see us in the square to drop off what you've collected or dispose of the trash in your own city garbage bin.

WUHCA thanks to the schools for letting us put all the collected trash in their dumpsters when we are done, and to <u>Willowgrove Moms</u> for enthusiastically supporting this event. Spring IS on its way. Let's clean up so we can enjoy our neighbourhood this summer.

Also, the kickoff for the Meewasin & Affinity Credit Union Clean-Up Campaign will take place on Earth Day, Friday, April 22, at 9:45 a.m. in the St. Edward School gymnasium (1002 Avenue P North, Saskatoon). The 30 minute program will feature greetings from St. Edward School, Affinity Credit Union, and Meewasin. As a commitment to conservation, participants will engage in a ceremonial signing of the Meewasin & Affinity Credit Union garbage bag, and weather permitting, a cleanup of the St. Edward School grounds. Click here for details of events for a month long cleanup of the river valley, city parks and neighbourhoods.

ONLINE SURVEY LAUNCHED FOR FEEDBACK ON LEGAL SERVICE PROVIDERS

The Ministry of Justice and the Law Society of Saskatchewan have launched an online survey to gather public feedback on the way legal services are provided in the province.

The survey is part of a consultation process focused on finding ways to improve public access to legal services in Saskatchewan. The main focus of this project is to explore ways to expand legal services that can be provided by legal professionals other than lawyers.

"The Law Society and the government share a common interest in improving public access to legal services" Justice Minister and Attorney General Gordon Wyant said. "We're eager to hear what the people of Saskatchewan have to say about the way services are currently provided and how improvements can be made."

Click here to read the entire news release.

2016 ZOOGALA TICKETS AVAILABLE ON-LINE!

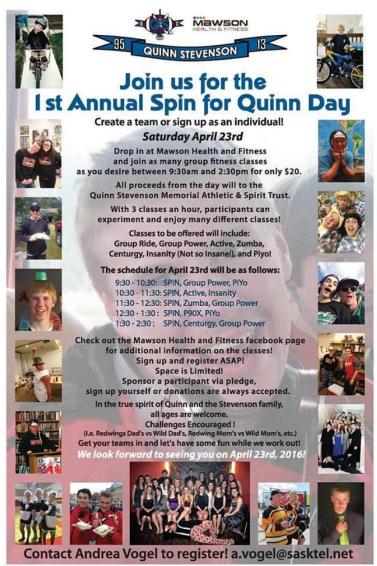


We are so fortunate to have the Saskatoon Forestry Farm located in our constituency.

Saskatoon's favourite spring party is set for Friday, June 17. Tickets are always in short supply so get yours early. Watch for further details in this newsletter.

To purchase your ZooGala tickets, click here.

1ST ANNUAL SPIN FOR QUINN DAY



It is heart warming to see the compassion shown in memory of Quinn Stevenson. I'm looking forward to attending the 1st annual Spin for Quinn Day to be held Saturday at Mawson Health and Fitness. Numerous classes will be offered so be sure to check this out, enter a team and have some fun while building strength and supporting a great cause.

LAST CHANCE TO VOTE FOR SASKATCHEWAN'S PROVINCIAL FOSSIL

Citizens of Saskatchewan are invited to vote for the fossil they believe best represents

Saskatchewan as the next official provincial emblem. The seven provincial fossil candidates all

have interesting features and were discovered in communities across the province. Voting may be done online or at the RSM until April 25, 2016.

"One of my favourite aspects of this campaign is that people can cast their vote based on a variety of reasons," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Mark Docherty said. "Whether a vote is cast based on pride of place or the fossil's unique characteristics; citizens of all ages, living across the entire province can voice their choice."

Read more here.

SASKATOON PRAYER BREAKFAST THIS SATURDAY, APRIL 23



I'm looking forward to attending the Saskatoon Prayer Breakfast at Prairieland Park Saturday, April 23.

The Saskatoon Prayer Breakfast is a non-profit project. Corporate sponsorship and ticket sales cover all expenses and any profits from the event will be donated to local charities.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY



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I appreciate the many opportunities to make a positive difference in my constituency. Your phone calls, letters, and emails make a big difference in keeping me informed on the issues that matter to you.

If you would like me to recognize anyone or have your event mentioned in this newsletter, please don't hesitate to call or email me.

"From a Provincial Point of View" is a weekly message from Ken Cheveldayoff, MLA Saskatoon Willowgrove. Your opinions are important and your letters, emails, and phone calls on any issues relating to the provincial government are welcomed.

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